**South Dublin Libraries Report**

As the country has moved to level 5 restrictions and libraries are now closed to the public, our online services and events remain the tangible link between libraries and the citizens of South Dublin. We are still offering online registration for membership, which provides access to all our online resources, which includes Borrowbox (eBooks, eAudio) online courses etc.

In 2020 we had 2,300 events across the library network, just over 1,400 of these were online. The online programme was available to all South Dublin citizens and was not library or location specific, therefore a wider audience was reached. In October 2020 we put **The** **Red Line Book Festival** online and were surprised and pleased to achieve excellent audience and workshop attendance, in fact some of the workshops booked out and had to be repeated to keep up with demand. **The Children’s Book Festival** was delivered online to the participating schools and very well received. **Season of Science,** South Dublin Libraries annual science festival also went totally online with events such a coding, Lego workshops, laser cut modelling, mysterious microbes and much more. We continued to produce a strong STEAM based programme throughout the year

Local History highlights included a series of history talks including: Lorcan Collins, The IRA’s Guerrilla Campaign 1919-21 and Dr. Sinéad McCoole

Women and the Campaign for Independence.

In support of the governments Healthy Ireland and Keeping Well campaigns, we had various wellbeing and health events and workshops, one of the most successful was the talk by child psychologist **David Coleman,** which was live streamed and moderated questions were answered, this event had just over 2,800 attendees. To close off 2020, we continued our online events/workshops, but also, we provided some live events for children, with the Christmas scavenger hunts in the local parks.

We are beginning 2021 with a range of wellbeing events in support of the First Fortnight Festival as well as Healthy Ireland and Keeping Well campaigns; these events and workshops are online and can be enjoyed in the comfort and safety of the participants’ homes. In 2021 we hope for the return of in person events and activities, but the strength of our online presence will also continue and be developed to meet the needs of our citizens.

**January 2021**

**January 6th, 13th, and 20th from 11:00 - 12:15. 11.00am-12.15pm: First Fortnight: Mindful Chair Yoga.** Mindful Chair Yoga 3-week course to brighten your January with light, gentle exercises, mindful stretching, breath-work, and relaxation. Booking essential from 30th December at [www.ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.com](http://www.ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.com)

**7th January 3.30-4.30pm:** **Art Workshop for Children with Kim Jenkinson**. Join artist Kim Jenkinson for this children's art workshop where we will be creating our own little worry dolls, using fabric, wool and other embellishments supplied in an art pack from the library, join us for this fun creative activity. Booking on Eventbrite at [www.talib.eventbrite.ie](http://www.talib.eventbrite.ie) from 9am on Thursday, 17th December. Craft packs will be available for collection in Tallaght Library from Monday, 21st December

**11th January 11.00am-1.00pm:** **Winter Wellness and Mindfulness.** A life-enhancing workshop by Holistic Therapist and Health and Wellbeing Facilitator Grainne Nolan. Join Grainne and Start the New Year in a positive mind-set. Booking Essential from 4th January at [www.northclondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](http://www.northclondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie)

**11th January 7.00pm-7.40pm:** **Wellbeing Workshop for Adults with Carmel Wynne**. Wellbeing: 3 Easy Steps to Feeling Calmer, Happier and More Energetic. You may be pleasantly surprised at the results when you learn how to; Calm your mind. Clear your mind. Control your mind. Booking on Eventbrite at [www.talib.eventbrite.ie](http://www.talib.eventbrite.ie) from 9am on Monday 4th January

**From January 11th. Mondays at 11.30 am.** **Sign Language for Babies & Toddlers with Claire Glynn.** Learning to communicate with your baby before they can talk. A baby sign class for parents with babies from new-born up to 2 years old. This 4-week course is brought to you via Zoom and will be nursery rhymes, songs, and poems with ISL signs that pertain to the day to day with baby. The event will take place through Zoom. <http://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com>

**11th January Mondays at 7.00 pm.** **Online Beginner's Irish classes** for adults. 8-week online Beginner's Irish course for adults delivered over Zoom. <http://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com>

**12th January 2.00pm:** **Mindful Chair Yoga**. As part of First Fortnight we are holding a Mindful Chair Yoga class to brighten your January with light, gentle exercises, mindful stretching, breath-work, and relaxation. Booking Essential from 5th January at [www.clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com](http://www.clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com)

**Tuesdays January 12th to February 9th 4.00-5.00pm**. **Pre-Instrumental Class with Rock Jam.** An online creative music experience with Filipa Quintino, professional musician and pre-instrumental specialist. In these lessons we will focus on pop, rock, and funk rhythms. It's a great introduction to music, with games and sounds from around the world. No experience is necessary. All welcome! The event will take place through zoom. Booking from January 4th here [www.talib.eventbrite.com](http://www.talib.eventbrite.com)

**12th January Tuesdays at 7.00 pm. Online Intermediate Irish Course** for Adults. 8 week online Intermediate Irish course for adults delivered over Zoom. <http://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com>

**Tuesdays January 12th to February 16th 6.30-8.00pm.** **6 Week Creative Writing Course with David Butler.** Kick start your prose writing with this six-week took kit designed for the beginner, but equally useful for the improver. Each one-and-a-half-hour session will focus on a different, and essential, writing challenge: Openings, Character, Plot, Dialogue, and Language/Style. A former lecturer of literature, David Butler is a multi-award-winning full-time author. His publications include the novels City of Dis (shortlisted for the Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year 2015) and The Judas Kiss, and the short story collection No Greater Love. The event will take place through zoom. Booking from January 4th here: [www.talib.eventbrite.com](http://www.talib.eventbrite.com)

**Tuesday January 12th 11am. 6 - week online** **Bi ag Caint! - Free Irish Language Class for Beginners.** This is a six-week course, please only register if you will be able to attend all six sessions. Your email will be passed to the facilitator to send you on the Zoom codes for the live workshop. Booking from 4th January 10.30 am – [www.northclondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](http://www.northclondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie)

**13th January 2.00-3.15pm:** **Mindful Chair Yoga**. As part of First Fortnight we are holding a Mindful Chair Yoga class to brighten your January with light, gentle exercises, mindful stretching, breath-work, and relaxation. Booking Essential from 4th January at [www.northclondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](http://www.northclondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie)

**13th January 6-7pm: First Fortnight**: **Basketry Workshop**. As part of First Fortnight we are holding a fun, interactive basketry workshop via zoom to brighten your January. All materials will be provided, and the workshop is suitable for all skill levels. Booking Essential from 4th January at [www.ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.com](http://www.ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.com)

**13th January Wednesdays at 5.30 pm. 8-week beginner’s Spanish class for adults delivered over Zoom.** <http://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com>

**13th January 7-8pm:** **Enda O’Doherty: My Journey from chronic addiction to bestselling author.** Author and motivational speaker Enda O’Doherty will give a webinar talking about his journey from chronic addiction to bestselling author. Enda recently had a book published, called “I’m Fine”. Having faced his addiction to alcohol, Enda has undertaken many challenges, including attempting to climb Mt Kilimanjaro with a washing machine on his back. Enda is a regular on TV and radio, and this promises to be an engaging and uplifting event. Booking Essential from [www.eventbrite.ie/o/lucan-library](http://www.eventbrite.ie/o/lucan-library-89)

**Wednesdays Jan 13th to Feb 3rd 10.30-11.30am**. **Baby Sign Class for Parents.** Clever Little Handies is a baby sign class for parents with babies from new-born up. By teaching babies sign language from an early age they will have a vocabulary to use even if they’re not formulating words. This 4-week term is brought to you via Zoom and will include nursery rhymes, songs, and poems with Irish Sign Language signs. Booking from January 4th here: [www.talib.eventbrite.com](http://www.talib.eventbrite.com)

**Thursdays January 14th to February 18th 10.00-10.45am. Baby Yoga.** For babies aged between 3 months and 18 months. A mixture of movement for parents and babies with some songs and rhymes in this online class. The class helps promote bonding between parent and baby in a fun way while giving parents ideas of how to interact with their babies outside the class. The event will take place through Zoom. Book 1 ticket per family unit. You will need to book each session separately. Booking from January 4th here: [www.talib.eventbrite.com](http://www.talib.eventbrite.com)

**Fridays January 15th to February 19th 10.30-11am**. **Music Generation: Early Years Programme, 0 to 18 months.** In this 6-week online class creativity and expression are nurtured through singing, musical games, movement, listening and the use of percussion instruments. The series of classes will be facilitated by Hannah Lee ARSM. Hannah has had many years of experience in children's musical education and this year is her third year as an educator with Music Generation. The event will take place through zoom. You will need a maraca or baby rattle to participate. Book 1 ticket per family unit. Booking from January 4th here: [www.talib.eventbrite.com](http://www.talib.eventbrite.com)

**Fridays January 15th to February 19th 11.15-11.45am.** **Music Generation: Early Years Programme, 18 months – 4 years.** In this 6-week online class creativity and expression are nurtured through singing, musical games, movement, listening and the use of percussion instruments. This series of classes will be facilitated by Hannah Lee ARSM. Hannah has had many years of experience in children's musical education and this year is her third year as an educator with Music Generation. The event will take place through zoom. You will need a maraca or rattle, claves or 2 wooden spoons and a soft toy to participate. Book 1 ticket per family unit. Booking from January 4th here: [www.talib.eventbrite.com](http://www.talib.eventbrite.com)

**Saturdays January 16th to February 13th 2.00-13.00pm.** **Saturday STEAM Club.** Join Anyone 4 Science for this fun weekly online STEAM Workshop via Zoom beginning Jan 16 and continuing every Saturday for 5 weeks. The focus for these STEAM sessions will be water and there will be lots of fun experiments along the way. You will need a special kit to participate in the workshops which you will be able to collect from Tallaght Library before the first session. We will let you know by email when the kits are available for collection. The workshop is suitable for 8 to 12 year olds and will take place through zoom. An adult should be present with the child for each workshop. Booking from January 4th here: [www.talib.eventbrite.com](http://www.talib.eventbrite.com)

**16th January 2.00-4.00pm:** **Paintclub: Bluebell Woods**. This interactive live painting class takes place via Zoom. All materials required are provided in a handy starter kit. No experience is required as you will be shown in easy step by step instructions how to go from blank canvas to finished masterpiece! Please note, art packs provided. Booking Essential from 6th January at [www.northclondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](http://www.northclondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie)

**January 19th 7.00-8.00pm.** **American History Lectures: Abraham Lincoln with Cecelia Hartsell.** The first lecture from our American Lecture Series will be on the 19th January to mark Joe Biden's inauguration. Join us for this insightful look at the presidency of Abraham Lincoln and how the office was shaped by the crisis. Cecelia Hartsell is a U.S. historian specialising in African American history and American social history. Since moving to Ireland, she has been a contributor to the RTE History Show and Radio Kerry on topics in U.S. history and frequently gives U.S. history talks for the Dublin Festival of History and in the Dublin public libraries. The event will take place through zoom. Booking from January 4th here: [www.talib.eventbrite.com](http://www.talib.eventbrite.com)

**21st January 2.00-4.00pm:** **Paintclub: Cliffs of Moher.** This interactive live painting class takes place via Zoom. All materials required are provided in a handy starter kit. No experience is required as you will be shown in easy step by step instructions how to go from blank canvas to finished masterpiece! Please note, art packs provided. Booking Essential from [www.ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.com](http://www.ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.com)

**Thursdays January 21 to February 11,7.00-8.30pm.** **4 Week Poetry Writing and Appreciation Course with Nell Regan.** Join poet Nell Regan for an online poetry taster course running over four weeks. In an engaging and supportive atmosphere, we will dip into some of Ireland's favourite poems and use them as a springboard to write our own. No experience necessary. Nell Regan is an award-winning poet and non-fiction writer living in Dublin. She has published three collections of poetry and her biography, Helena Molony: A Radical Life, was an Irish Independent Book of the Year 2017.The event will take place through zoom. You must be able to attend all four sessions. Booking from January 4th here: [www.talib.eventbrite.com](http://www.talib.eventbrite.com)

**Thursday 21st January, 7.00-8.00pm.** **The Irish Rebellion of 1641** – an online talk by Dr. Jarlath Killeen, Trinity College Dublin. Booking Essential at <https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/lucan-library-4590537389>

**Friday 22nd January 10.30am.** **Online Baby/Toddler Reflexology Class (4-week course) with the Relaxation Room Leixlip.** A 4-week course of Reflexology for babies and toddlers aged up to 4 years. Reflexology can help with sleeping, digestive issues, teething pain while also helping a parent bond with their child. Susan McTernan of the Relaxation Room Leixlip is a registered member of National Register of reflexologists. A model baby foot will be provided to those taking part so that classes can take place if the baby is sleeping. Booking essential on <https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/lucan-library-4590537389>

**23rd January 2.00-4.00pm:** **Paintclub: Butterfly Painting.** This interactive live painting class takes place via Zoom. All materials required are provided in a handy starter kit. No experience is required as you will be shown in easy step by step instructions how to go from blank canvas to finished masterpiece! Please note, art packs provided. Booking Essential from [www.talib.eventbrite.com](http://www.talib.eventbrite.com)

**27th January 4.00pm, Wild about nature craft series; Rock Art for children**

[www.talib.eventbrite.com](http://www.talib.eventbrite.com)

**Thursday 28th January, 7.00-8.00pm.** **Thomas Jefferson and Democracy** – an online talk by Cecelia Hartsell, a U.S. historian specialising in African American History and American Social History. Booking essential at <https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/lucan-library-4590537389>

**30th January 2.00-4.00pm:** **Paintclub: Poolbeg Lighthouse.** This interactive live painting class takes place via Zoom. All materials required are provided in a handy starter kit. No experience is required as you will be shown in easy step by step instructions how to go from blank canvas to finished masterpiece! Please note, art packs provided. Booking Essential from <https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/lucan-library-4590537389>

**February events**

3rd February Paint club – Sailboat

[www.clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com](http://www.clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com)

19 February – Online teens Smartphone film making

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/lucan-library-4590537389>

20 February Paint club – A rainy day

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/lucan-library-4590537389>

Toddler Yoga a 5-week course Feb-April beginning 25 of February

[www.talib.eventbrite.com](http://www.talib.eventbrite.com)

**Pre instrumental classes with RockJam (session 2, 5 weeks beginning 16th February**

Online creative music experience with Filipa Quintino

[www.talib.eventbrite.com](http://www.talib.eventbrite.com)

**Saturday Steam Club via Zoom**

Weekly STEAM via Zoom on Saturday’s 16th January – 13th February ages 8-12